

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a Web Service request from a network terminal by a network access point;

optionally translating the Web Service request from a second format into a first format;

receiving a Web Service response in the first format; and

optionally translating the Web Service response into ~~[[a]]~~the second format, wherein ~~the second format is indicative of processing capabilities of the network terminal~~ the first format comprises extensible markup language formatted encapsulations of the Web Service request and response, and the second format comprises reduced-size encapsulations of the Web Service request and response.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein translation of the Web Service request is performed in response to receiving a translation indication from the network terminal.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the translation indication is received with the Web Service request.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the translation indication is received through a capabilities information exchange with the network terminal.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein translation of the Web Service response is performed in response to receiving the translation indication from the network terminal.

6. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:

a network terminal adapted to request a Web Service in a translated format and adapted to receive a Web Service response to the request in the translated format;

a network access point coupled to receive the Web Service request and adapted to convert the Web Service request into a conventional format, wherein the conventional format comprises extensible markup language formatted encapsulations of the Web Service request and response, and wherein the translated format comprises reduced-size encapsulations of the Web service request and response; and

a service provider coupled to receive the Web Service request from the network access point and adapted to provide the Web Service response to the Web Service request in the conventional format, wherein the network access point is further adapted to convert the Web Service response into the translated format prior to forwarding the Web Service response to the network terminal.

7. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 6, wherein the network terminal is further adapted to command the network access point to convert the request into the conventional format.

8. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 7, wherein the network terminal is further adapted to command the network access point to convert the response into the translated format.

9. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 6, wherein the translated format comprises a wireless messaging format.

10. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 9, wherein the wireless messaging format comprises Multimedia Messaging System (MMS) format.

11. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 6, wherein the conventional format comprises Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP).

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory capable of storing a messaging module;

a processor coupled to the memory and configured by the messaging module to enable a message exchange with a network access point that is capable of translating web service exchanges between a mobile terminal and a Web service provider, wherein the messaging module is adapted to instruct the network access point to convert a reduced-size encapsulation of a remote procedure call of the messages received from the mobile terminal to a conventional format compatible with the Web service provider, wherein the conventional format comprises an extensible markup language encapsulation of the remote procedure call.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the messaging module provides the conversion instruction to the network access point within a service request.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the messaging module provides the conversion instruction to the network access point during a capabilities exchange with the network access point.

16. (Currently amended) A computer-readable ~~usable~~ usable medium comprising:

stored instructions which are executable by a network terminal for consuming Web Services by:

transmitting a Web Service request in a first format to a network access point;

signalling the network access point to convert a reduced-size encapsulation of a remote procedure call of the Web Service request from the first format to a second format, wherein the second format comprises an extensible markup language encapsulation of the remote procedure call; and

receiving a response to the Web Service request from the network access point, wherein the response received is also in the first format.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a Web service request in a first format from a service requestor;

means for translating the Web service request from the first format into a second format in response to signalling received from the service requestor;

means for receiving a Web service response in the second format from a service provider; and

means for translating the Web service response from the second format to the first format in response to signalling received from the service requestor, wherein one of the first and second formats comprises extensible markup language formatted encapsulations of the Web service request and response, and the other of the first and second formats comprise reduced-size encapsulations of the Web service request and response.

18. (Currently amended) A computer-~~readable~~usable medium comprising:

stored instructions which are executable by a network access point for facilitating Web Service consumption by:

receiving a Web service request in a first format from a service requestor;

translating the Web service request from the first format into a second format in response to signalling received from the service requestor;

receiving a Web service response in the second format from a service provider; and

translating the Web service response from the second format to the first format in response to signalling received from the service requestor, wherein at least one of the first and second formats comprise extensible markup language formatted encapsulations of the Web service request and response, and the other of the first and second formats comprise reduced-size encapsulations of the Web service request and response.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1~~[[19]]~~, wherein translating the Web Service request into a first format comprises translating the Web ~~[[s]]~~Service request from a compressed format to an uncompressed format, and wherein translating the Web Service response into the second format comprises translating the Web Service response from the uncompressed format to the compressed format.